



Investigating Thinking Strategies Institute with the Public Education & Business Coalition (PEBC)

Seminar Description:

This two-day institute provides educators an opportunity to study the many ways thinking strategy instruction supports understanding and to learn more about the role of comprehension instruction in the overall literacy program.

Outcomes for Participants:

- Develop a deep understanding of thinking strategies
- Name the ways thinking strategy instruction impacts student learning
- Create an explicit plan for implementing thinking strategy instruction

Participants will:

- Read, write and reflect on their process of coming to understand
- Make use of a specific thinking strategy to better understand a text of their choice
- Generate their own inquiry question(s) about a thinking strategy
- Name the ways thinking strategy instruction is related to other essential elements of classroom literacy development including the rituals and routines necessary for creating a strong learning community
- Explore the ways your specific beliefs about teaching and learning impact your work with students and colleagues

About PEBC:

Upon the 1983 release of the Nation At Risk report by The National Commission on Excellence in Education, the Ford Foundation provided funds through the D.C.-based Public Education Network to nine communities across the nation to create local education funds (LEF). These non-profit organizations would operate apart from districts but would serve as “critical friends” to the education institutions and provide resources and expertise to the system in their reform agendas. The Public Education Coalition (PEC) in Denver was one of those newly-formed organizations. Its primary work was in quality teaching initiatives. In 1995, the PEC merged with the Colorado Business Alliance for Youth (founded in 1981), forming the Public Education & Business Coalition (PEBC). While both these organizations were dedicated to improving the quality of education for all students, the difference was that PEC focused on quality teaching, and the Alliance focused on preparing students for the workforce through student training activities. The merger consolidated staff and fundraising efforts; and brought a board together that would represent both the private industry sector (business executives) and the public industry sector (superintendents). Today, PEBC has grown from this small, local education fund to an organization with an unrivaled reputation for its professional development model, its publications, and the expertise of its staff. PEBC has worked with more than 17,000 principals and teachers in K-12 education, impacting over 1,000 schools, and one million students.

For:	Classroom Teachers, Curriculum Coordinators, Instructional Supervisors, Administrators
Dates:	Group 1: July 14-15 (Workshop # 005-012) Group 2: July 21-22 (Workshop # 006-012)
Location:	Green River Regional Educational Cooperative - 230 Technology Way - Bowling Green, KY
Time:	8:30-3:30 (CDT) Registration and Lite Breakfast will begin at 8:30 a.m. (Lunch will also be provided on site.)
Cost:	\$450.00 per participant Cost applies only to participants <u>not</u> involved in the Coaching Collaborative or MathPLUS

Registration Form

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Please Print:

Name: _____ Position _____

Work Email Address _____ Work Phone _____

School District _____ School _____

Name of Organization _____ P.O. # _____
(if not a school or school district) (required for registration)

Choice of dates (please check one):

Group 1: July 14-15 (**Workshop # 005-012**)

Group 2: July 21-22 (**Workshop #006-012**)

EILA credit will be provided to all administrators attending.

Note: School districts (or schools) will be billed following the activity based upon registration. Cancellations must be made within five (5) working days of the activity to avoid being billed for fee. Substitutions will be allowed.

Register online at www.grrec.ky.gov

OR

Fax this form to GRREC at (270) 563-2208

Registration Deadline: May 31, 2011

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